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SUBJ: TRAVEL BY CHISSANO, NYERERE, AND ANC

1. MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM JULY 12 WITH A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NYRERERE FROM MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT MACHEL. HE RETURNED TO LOURENCO MARQUES WITH A REPLY JULY 14, ACCOMPANIED BY SEVEN-MAN RHODESIAN ANC DELEGATION INCLUDING BISHOP MUZOREWA, NDABANINGI SITHOLE, AND JOSHUA NKOMO. MUZOREWA TOLD SWAHILI-LANGUAGE PRESS THAT ANC EXPECTED SMITH TO CALL CONSTITUTIONAL MEETING WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS OR MONTHS; ASKED WHAT ANC WOULD DO IF MEETING NOT CALLED, HE SAID: "WE WILL CONSIDER WHAT ROUTE TO TAKE AFTER WE UNDERSTAND WHAT SMITH'S POSITION IS; I CAN'T SAY NOW WHAT STEPS WE WILL TAKE." MUZOREWA SAID HE DID NOT PLAN TO RETURN TO TANZANIA IMMEDIATELY, AND THAT DECISION WHETHER TO RETURN TO RHODESIA OR GO SOMEWHERE ELSE WOULD BE TAKEN AFTER ANC MEETINGS WITH MACHEL IN MOZAMBIQUE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. MEANWHILE PRESIDENT NYERERE, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER OF STATE SIYOVELWAIO#TO MOGADISCIO JULY 14 TO VISIT PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE, ALLEGEDLY IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION ISSUED DURING SIAD BARRE'S AIRPORT STOPOVER HERE JUNE 26 ON THE WAY HOME FROM MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES.
- 3. TANGOV ISSUED STATEMENT JULY 13 STATING THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE TRIPS AND THE SUGGESTION ALLEGEDLY MADE BY SIAD BARRE (BUT INDIGNANTLY DENIED BY SOMALI EMBASSY HERE) THAT MACHEL SHOULD BECOME CHAIRMAN OF NEXT OAU INSTEAD OF IDI AMIN. INDIGNANT EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS JULY 15 REPEATED SAME THEME, SAYING THAT IF TANZANIA HAD OPPOSED HAVING OAU SUMMIT IN KAMPALA IT WOULD HAVE SAID SO, AND IF IT HAD VIEWS ON THE OAU CHAIRMAN IT WOULD EXPRESS THEM PUBLICLY. "WE KNOW WHAT THE ENEMIES OF AFRICA, WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR HATRED OF TANZANIA, ARE UP TO. BY SPREADING RUMORS, LIES AND INNUENDOS, THEY ARE PREPARING PUBLIC OPINION SO THAT WHEN WHAT THEY EXPECT TO HAPPEN TAKES PLACE, THEY WILL TURN ROUND AND ANNOUNCE LOUDLY THAT TANZANIA HAS BEEN DEFEATED."
- 4. COMMENT: IT IS UNWISE EVER TO RELY TOO HEAVILY ON TANZANIAN JOURNALISTIC SYNTAX, WHICH IS SHAKY AT BEST, BUT EDITORIAL APPEARS TO SAY THAT TANZANIA WILL INDEED OPPOSE GIVING OAU CHAIRMANSHIP TO AMIN, BUT EXPECTS TO LOSE. IN ANY CASE, IT SEEMS NOT UNREASONABLE TO SUPPOSE, DESPITE TANGOV'S VIGOROUS DISCLAIMERS, THAT THE OAU SUMMIT WILL BE AT LEAST ONE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS IN MOGADISCIO.

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